



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – LA CROSSE
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Student Senate Agenda

Date: October 22nd, 2008

Time and Location: 6:00 PM Port O'Call

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Role Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Wallace/Thiel
 - i. Approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Decker/DeVries
 - i. Approved
- V. Guest Speakers
 - a. Jacie Gamroth – La Crosse City Council Alderwoman
 - i. This is my fourth year at UWL, double major in poli sci and public admin. I am doing a little update over the summer. We had an alcohol oversight committee meeting last Tuesday. The main things they want to do is have an alcohol committee organizer to put ideas together instead of everyone working independently. Multi housing design standards, we want to keep it low. We are looking at a uniform standard for all the apartments, not necessarily physical aspects. Nothing has passed yet, it is still being debated. City administrator was a big deal in the spring; we proposed it as a referendum. It is not the best thing because we could have talked about it before. We compromised because it is not a referendum any more and the city is looking into creating a city administrator. We don't know how much we are making in our parks, so there are certain things were financially we could be in a better stance. I am pushing for that because we want education to be out there and it would be good for our city. Fire Department- everyone thought the department was taking over our ambulance service, that is not the case. Since they can do emergency responses they want to be able to assist when needed. We decided to do more research before we vote it up or down. There are other cities that do have that department controlling the ambulance services; we just want one ambulance for the fire department. Park Board- they tried to ban alcohol use at all the parks, it sounds like a good idea since we have children, baseball games, etc. but the point is that they want to get rid of the homeless people in the parks. It wouldn't solve the problem; you can't solve alcoholism by shoving people in jail. There is a new park near Hickson, it just started under construction.
 1. Questions

- a. Where do they plan on drawing the position for alcohol oversight coordinator?
 - i. We don't know if it will be a combination of the hospitals hiring someone or if it will be the city. And the money would come from grants.
- b. How would you find the city administrator?
 - i. It would be a hiring process through the city council. The mayor would be more ceremonial.
- c. What is the policy for alcohol in the parks?
 - i. There are designated parks where you can drink
 - 1. Any park with a softball field you can drink. There are no rules what you can carry your alcohol in.
- d. What is your sense on how the city council is leaning on these proposals?
 - i. On the ambulance portion- we had a lot of other cities come in; it went into 1:30am. We had a lot of info, we will have to do a lot of research and no one is set on that one.
 - ii. Alcohol issues at the parks- it never went to the whole city council, it was defeated in committee. It is hard to say.

b. Bobby Erickson – La Crosse County Board Supervisor

- i. He was planning on joining us tonight but he had some things come up this afternoon, he will come next week.

VI. Officer Reports

a. Derek

- i. The idea of getting name plates for your shirts- we will get some blank ones. We can have directors pay for personalized ones. If you are interested in getting your own, it would be around \$10. is anyone interested in getting their own personalized one? We will be sure to have them by the regents meeting.
- ii. The next regent meeting is Nov 6th in Madison. For those of you who are interested in going let me know.
- iii. We are going to use the My Orgs account for reaching out to other people and reaching a higher constituency base. You need to take the opportunity to add yourself to it.
- iv. We have a small journaling award from Larry and Kyle O'Brien.

b. Kyle

- i. Eric and I went to system reps on Friday and Saturday. We want to have a SUFAC summit to discuss the process and how we can better the procedures.
- ii. I was part of the UC structuring committee; I will post my report as soon as the website is working. If you are interested I can email it to you. It was just talking about the mission statement. Thank you to the journalists.

c. Others

i. City Affairs

1. Right now they are working on the resolution to ban drinking in certain parks and requiring you to use permits in other parks. It is a little bit gray because it says where you can't drink but it doesn't say where you can. We will see where that goes.
2. The Alcohol task force is a group of community members; they are trying to get a state senator. Their job is to come up with goals.
3. There is a game Nov 7th, ride the buses.

ii. Shared Gov

1. SUFAC summit- SUFAC is what we call out apportionment committee. At the meeting we talked about a lot of things but there were many questions about the process and no one seems to think that they do it right. We volunteered to have them all here and I think it could do a lot of good for our process. We might try to hold it right after the regents meeting. We want to do it before the semester ends. If you have any issues and don't feel that students are being represented, it would be good to talk to me.

iii. Gender Issues

1. Peace week was successful. There was a lot of positive feedback
2. I am on an affirmative action officer search and screen committee; I will keep you updated on that.

iv. GOTV

1. I made voter guides today, they say what you need to bring to the polls, how to find your polling location, etc. I don't want to start telling people where their polling location is because there is still a lot of time. I will need a lot of help with that by the end of next week.
2. Voting Party going on tonight in room 337. There will be a movie and food. It starts at 7pm.
 - a. Are we supposed to be getting letters in the mail if we registered?
 - i. I don't think so. Has anyone in here gotten a letter?
 - ii. Point of info- you only get a card that gets mailed to you only if you haven't changed your address since you last voted.
 - b. When is the last day that we can register?
 - i. It was last week. If you have extra slips you can return them or throw them away.

v. Legislative Issues

1. Last night was a full house so maybe for the next debate we can move it to Valhalla. On the 14th when they came, there

were still a lot of people who showed up. Next Tuesday is our last one, if you have any questions please let me know.

VII. RHAC Report

- a. Because there are buildings coming down, RHAC will still be in our office until spring.

VIII. Advisor Reports

- a. Jeremy- Very nice reminder about the journaling. I am going to pass around the sheet for remaining one on ones that we need to have. Also if you need to meet with me for anything just sign up. I am also helping on election day; I am going to pass that around again. For commencement speakers the deadline is this Friday at 4pm to Paula's office.
- b. Larry- update on the dishwasher- many of you have seen the conveyer belts, etc. it turns out that the architects are not pleased with the welds and gears on the conveyer belt so they aren't allowing us to accept this. So we are waiting and it is getting really annoying. So we haven't gotten permission from the state.
 - i. I am assuming there are extra costs we are incurring right now; do we have to pay for it?
 - 1. No, I will be billing the manufacture.
 - ii. Has the manufacture given you a timeline?
 - 1. No I haven't heard from them yet. I will let you know.
 - iii. How much has it costs us so far?
 - 1. Initially it was \$10,000. That was going up to Oct 1.
 - iv. Why did they decide to put up trees between Whitney?
 - 1. It might be to change the path.
 - 2. We really should have just cement.

IX. Committee Reports – will do reports in three weeks.

- a. Awareness Committee
 - i. We created a sign so that they see that we are in here having our meeting. It is a good visibility point. Also the big window in senate has a big sign. We talked about creating more flyers for information for students. We have appointed Griffin as the chair.
- b. Constituent Engagement Committee
 - i. Haven't met yet.
- c. Legislative Committee
 - i. We did some of the chalking around the campus. We wanted to get students more involved in the process. Traditionally there has been a program called Going to Bat for Students where we go to a game in Madison and then going to the capital. Maybe now we could begin some regional collaborative efforts. The goal is to invite them to the La Crosse regional meeting in December. Maybe we could put them up at people's houses. We will meet again in the future and we will keep you posted. Jane is the new chair. Any ideas let her know.
- d. Athletics
 - i. We priorities our one shots and passed our revised by laws.
- e. Joint Planning

- i. We are finalizing the process to hire nine non academic staff positions out of the GQA money. We need to decide on those before the semester is over. We are getting ready to hire 25 more faculty in the spring. There will be a lot more coming.
 - f. Legislative Affairs
 - i. Did not meet, but by laws are due to us next Monday. If you have a problem meeting that deadline let me know.
 - g. Student Services
 - i. Racquet applications due Nov 7th.
- X. New Business
 - a. [SA 0809-014: Resolution on Using the Recreational Eagle Center Frioozeh Dumas](#)
 - i. Thiel/Wolf
 - ii. Quorum called
 - iii. We need to change the dates
 - 1. This is in PDF and I don't have copies of it in word since my computer is broken. I will entertain a motion to change it and we will change it when we sign up.
 - iv. Move to change the date to the 18th
 - 1. Thiel/Cerwin
 - a. Passes.
 - v. Call to question
 - 1. acclimation
 - a. Passes.
 - b. [SA 0809-015: Resolution Granting Organizational Status Lax Sec. Soc](#)
 - i. Klotz/Syafitri
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Call to question
 - a. Acclimation
 - i. Objection
 - b. Passes, one abstention
 - c. [SA 0809-016: Resolution Granting Organizational Grants 08-09](#)
 - i. Motion to package c and d.
 - 1. Decker/Syafitri
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. organizational grants and an org I recommend not packaging
 - 2. I rescind my motion
 - iii. Wallace/Turner
 - 1. Discussion
 - a. They did a good job; I say that we approve them.
 - b. I echo the senators statement and call to question
 - i. Approved.
 - d. [SA 0809-017: Resolution Granting Organizational Status Disc Golf Club](#)
 - i. Klotz/VanWinkle
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. call to question

- a. Approved.
- e. [SA 0809-018: 2007-2008 Allocable Segregated Fee Carryovers](#)
 - i. Allen/Turner
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. I spoke to this last week, these are important and I want to make sure everyone understands the document so if you have any questions now would be the time to ask. Each of these decisions has a lot of thought put into it. We are confident with this document.
 - 2. What was it that we wanted to find out before we changed it, what was that?
 - a. The apportionment committee had a question about the marching band; they wanted to buy two cases for some instruments. Last year they asked for 6 of them in the one shots, but they said they needed two more and last year the need wasn't really there and they didn't want to ask for too much.
 - 3. While Apportionment does go through this and we respect that, if you have any questions you do need to do that now. This is an opportunity for further discussion.
 - 4. Was there any controversial item that we need to be aware of?
 - a. There wasn't one thing in particular, we discussed marching band at length and multicultural events. We talked about how much to give them back. We also talked about Choir because they had requested money back for a trip to Ireland. We don't have a process for people to outline future projects. We are having further discussion on international travel. In their budget request they did mention the travel so we took their word on it. The rational from Racquet was the best presentation I have ever seen in four years.
 - 5. Could Kyle's broken computer fit into the senate carryover?
 - a. I would like for the senate office to have two new computers. We do have the right to do that.
 - i. Would you be looking into one shot or have it go through here?
 - 1. I would appreciate an amendment right here, we didn't intend this to happen, but it is up to the body.
 - a. A new laptop will be around \$1,200.
 - 6. If we decide to do the senate carryover, the amount would be enough to add the lap top in. Also maybe Andrea can speak more on the Racquet

- a. Andrea Wilson, Racquet- Our printing was increased so that was the main reason we asked for all of our carryover back.
 - 7. if we are to make an amendment for the lap top do we need to have a quote first?
 - a. One shots are different that carryovers. Carryovers we just give back with good faith that they will spend it the way they said they would. There is no requirement.
 - 8. Move to amend to add \$1,356.89 to UWL SA carryover
 - a. Decker/Kahl
 - b. Discussion
 - i. This is pretty important and we need to get it fixed. I would hope that our administration would do there best to find the best price.
 - ii. I think this is valuable and I trust them to do the right thing with it.
 - iii. Call to question
 - 1. Amendment passed.
 - iii. Discussion on document as a whole.
 - 1. my constituents would like the student services and buildings committee to install another bike rack on the east side of Cowley. Would this be the right avenue?
 - a. Student Services doesn't have a line item, they have a one shot account. That could be something that we could deal with then. I think we could just take money out of the reserve and let senate do it.
 - 2. Has LGBTIAQQ made a request to get the money back?
 - a. We approached them about it and the program director said it was an accounting error so they didn't request us to absorb their deficit.
 - 3. Call to question
 - a. Decker
 - b. Passed 33:1:0

XI. Discussion

- a. [SA 0809-019: Resolution to Propose a Referendum to Amend Article V, Section 3, Sub-section D of the Constitution of the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse Student Association](#)
 - i. Decker/Taylor
 - ii. Hopefully everyone read it; we are amending the constitution and the power of the parliamentarian. We did not go through any committees. The document isn't perfect, but that is what we are here for. It has a two year appointment on there, I am not sure we need it. The reason for the document is actually that the parliamentarian is a senator and sits directly next to the chair. It is a very powerful position. He is a senator that has to apply to the rules that he has the parliamentarian makes. You can see how that is a problem.

- iii. There has been concern raised as to the verbage in the resolution. Technically Allen would have to step down, but we could make it that he wouldn't have to step down. It is up to the discretion of the president and vice president. It could be worded a little better; I am completely open to amendments next week. There has also been concerns about not being paid, that is because we want to make it as difficult as possible for a senator to become parliamentarian. There would be no incentive to reopen the applicant pool.
- iv. I want to make it clear that you can make amendments to the authors before we talk about it next week.
- v. Discussion
 - 1. I am worried about filing this position from outside of SA. How many people do you know that would like to sit in the meeting as parliamentarian outside of this body?
 - 2. The first issue is that in the now therefore be it resolved clause... it doesn't make sense to me being the fact that a senator is a member of the legislative body serving the legislative body. If a director serves as a parliamentarian then they do have power in the body, I want you to keep that in mind. Another issue is that the resolution asks senators to give up their seat, so I would expect them to be paid. Also, the part that says there by creating the potential for abuse of power... as a senate you approve the position, you wouldn't vote for someone that you didn't trust. I don't know where that stems from. I don't remember seeing a lot of people volunteering to be parliamentarian at our first meeting. Also it wouldn't make sense for someone sitting in this seat not to have power to vote because then you wouldn't be representing the constituency that voted you in that position. I would have to step down as parliamentarian.
 - 3. I too as a sponsor do not completely agree with this document, I do think we need to make a change. I do think that this is power struggle, although we should trust our parliamentarian, it is possible that we might be forced to choose people, and that is unfortunate. The power issue is a huge deal, that person could put themselves on the speaker's list .also if you want a time limit and that person doesn't want a time limit then they could put themselves before you on the speakers list.
 - 4. Doesn't he get grandfathered in?
 - a. That is our intent. However I would support an amendment that would state that.
 - 5. We can't change the rules after they are voted in.
 - a. We can do it, that is how these things work. We are trying to change something while we are doing it. We are making retroactive, so that when this comes about they will have to make a decision. The executive board

is important. The parliamentarian is a non voting member in the executive board. The exec board is supposed to be acting senate when senate is not in session. It is not inherently an executive branch. It has met zero times.

6. As long as the parliamentarian has been a senator, has there ever been a problem with abuse of power?
 - a. The order of this is interesting, I think that would tell Jeff to take it to student court. You are doing something before a student referendum is actually done.
7. If there has never been a problem then why do it? If there was a problem, then we would notice it. I don't see the need for this.
8. I agree with the intent, but if we are looking for someone that knows parliamentary procedure, they would probably already be in senate. We should take this on a case by case scenario.
9. There is a huge trust issue. I trust Jeff. I have misplaced my trust before. It's not about trust, you don't develop policy based on the people currently in that position, you develop based on what could or couldn't happen. As for people that know parliamentary procedure, I think people in RHAC know it. I think there are people in here know it. We are trying to be proactive in this.
10. With the trust issue, we elected Jeff and we put trust into him, as we do with any official.
11. There is a great possibility that we will be revising the entire constitution, so could we just include this into that? That is the intention of our committee.
 - a. This is just part of that revision; you could just include this in there. You just have to remember that this would be part of the resolution.
12. Can we refer things to committee during discussion?
 - a. Yes.
13. Is there discussion on that motion?
 - a. Yes.
 - b. If your motion is to take this document away from this body it would be 2/3rd.
14. Motion to refer this entire issue to the leg affairs committee.
 - a. Wallace/Turner
 - b. The reason I want to do this is because the whole point of the leg affairs committee is to oversee the changes in the bylaws and we have a faculty person that is from political science department to help us. Changing our constitution is very difficult; we need to refer it back to committee.
 - c. I like referendums, but I don't think too many people know about this in the student body. I would want to

make sure we educate people. Is there a way to challenge the parliamentarian?

- i. No
- d. Is there a way to make a way to challenge them?
 - i. You would have to amend the rules, or write a clause in the constitution because our constitution supersedes that.
- e. I have heard that we were going to change the constitution before; it didn't get done last year. If we put this in there now, then it's in there. It will take care of this now, rather than waiting for it to come up later.
- f. Point of info- If this motion passes, does it automatically close the discussion?
 - i. Yes.
- g. There were dozens of pages of amendments in leg affairs and it was determined that it would take too much time. If this simply goes back to leg affairs then it could simply get lost in the shuffle.
- h. With the constitution last year, when it first came up it wasn't brought up by leg affairs. There wasn't enough time for leg affairs to get it out.
 - i. Last year what is happened is you have to submit something in senate for there to be time for leg affairs in time for it to be put on the referendum.
- i. I think the leg affairs could bring that forward. We have these committees to specialize in a certain area. I feel like they are there to look at these issue first.
- j. i agree with the idea of taking this to leg affairs. It is our priority to get the constitution done. We are doing by laws by the 28th and after that we are doing the constitution. I think that is what the committee is for. If you are interested just come to the leg affairs committee.
- k. Last year we had a discussion and we were urged to wait on this because it had to do with membership. I do plan on telling you what is going on.
- l. I trust the leg affairs committee to get this done.
 - i. I think there is a consensus to send it to committee. I don't see why we just don't finish the speakers list and the last person move it back to the committee.
- m. Point of parli procedure- If we move it and we vote it down, you can't move it again. It would have to be a different form.

- n. If this is passed, doesn't it open the door for anyone wanting to make an amendment to the constitution by pass leg affairs?
 - i. If leg affairs goes through after we pass this, they could rewrite anything they want.
 - o. We are spending a lot of time on an internal issue, please move this along.
 - p. I would be ok with rescinding my motion if I were the last person on the list
 - i. I can't guarantee you that.
 - 1. But the parliamentarian can.
 - q. Leg issues could gut this, but when it comes back amendments could be proposed at that time.
 - r. Rescind my motion
 - i. Wallace.
15. I nominated the senator to the position, I do trust the senator. It's not about that. The damage that the parliamentarian can do is subtle and we wouldn't notice it. There are many people who were on student bodies before so they might like to do this; I do know people who would be qualified for this position. It is clear that it would be a temp position if we cant find a position. The reason I propose the 2 yr appointment is because the parliamentarian is a non partisan position, by spreading it out over two years there is less of possibility that it would happen. We want to propose this not because of any dislike of our parliamentarian, but because it is the right thing to do.
16. I think the general consensus is that something needs to be done with this. You don't write policy based on people's good intentions. I think the issue is that there have been a couple times when people have said that it's not right. There is no way to challenge the parliamentarian, at all. I like what's going on here, if we decide not to send this to committee, then we shouldn't do anything with the position until the elections.
17. motion to exhaust the speakers list
- a. Klotz/Wallace
 - i. Passed.
18. If it goes to goes to referendum, does it get enacted automatically, or could we add that it get enacted after this year?
- a. As soon as the students vote on it, it changes that day.
19. I think it would be better to change the rules about not being able to challenge the chair. Also, you don't have to call on the directors.
20. All of the individuals that sit up here have no power over this body unless they are yielded to. Of you appoint a person from the exec board then you give them power of this body.

21. You still have your foot in both power areas, that is pretty significant.
22. He is the most important person in the room right now, he makes his rules. It's like a dictatorship. That's why it is so serious. The only person that can vote up here is Jeff. Jeff makes motions that half of the room can't hear. That bothers me. That has got to be frustrating to other people. That is not about Jeff, it is about the parliamentarian.
23. I think I agree that the parliamentarian shouldn't have voting power.
24. Can you remove the parliamentarian?
 - a. The way that it is set up is that you can remove the person sitting in the seat, the senator, from the entire body. I want to make a comment about not being able to challenge the parliamentarian. You can if you challenge the chair on what he thinks is parliamentarian procedure. it affects the position indirectly.
 - b. Point of clarification
25. if it aint broke, don't fix it
26. I support this resolution as it is.
27. How do other student associations deal with this?
 - a. I am not sure; our US government does pick these people.
 - b. I haven't heard of any other university doing it this way, but I haven't done any research, someone could that and it would be valuable.
28. Someone could be trained to have that experience. Also, you need to fix things before they happen, not after they happen.
29. A committee could make changes to the constitution stating that we can challenge the parliamentarian and that would over rule Roberts rules. Motion to refer this entire document to committee.
 - a. Wallace/Turner
 - b. Point of info- would this be applied to the new constitution?
 - i. It would be included and voted on. The new constitution would include these changes. We would vote on the constitution as a whole.
 - ii. Leg affairs decides to include this or make it two questions.
 - c. Discussion
 - i. Would they be bound to this document?
 1. It is moved to their table and they can do what they please, it still has to be approve here.
 - ii. Call to question

1. point of info- when it comes back does it come back into discussion?
 - a. Yes.
2. motion passes 25:4:5

b. [SA 0809-020: Resolution Appointing Matt Groshek Environmental Sustainability Director](#)

- i. Nguyen/O'Neill
- ii. We had a resignation with Elena, Matt talked to me about it and it had been brought back up to environmental council. There was no interest in this from them. Matt approached me and told me he is willing to resign as a senator in order to fill the position. It would be an easy transition because he already fills many of the requirements.
- iii. Discussion
 1. Please email it out so that people have an opportunity to look at it before hand.
 2. Move to close discussion
 - a. Nguyen/Syaftri
 - i. Division
 1. Passed 19:14:1

XII. Announcements

- a. Turkey trot sign up
- b. Volleyball this weekend
- c. If you looked at Eagle Connection you know there are positions available for the on campus radio station
- d. Oct 30th there will be a competition against the chancellor and faculty members
- e. New gallery opening this Friday at 5pm
- f. Fall Concert is Nine Days. Tickets at the info counter
- g. Relay for life
- h. Sub committee chairs- one shots due Nov 3rd.
- i. New horizons has a really cool display up front, tear drop on the trees represents every woman new horizons has helped.
- j. Update on the Amethyst Initiative- circulating the petition, we have found that it is very rare that someone does not support it. Look in the La Crosse Tribune for the movement that students for a sensible drug policy has been doing. I hope it paints this effort in a positive light
- k. College of business is putting on a food drive for Friday Nov 7th and Sat Nov 8th. we are working with hunger task force. We want to hand out flyers at grocery stores to ask people to buy extra food to donate.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Thiel/Herro
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

